

Amendment No. 1 to HB3294

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2633*

House Bill No. 3294

by deleting all language after the enacting clause of the bill and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

() "Adult emergency dental services" means dental services for individuals age twenty-one (21) and older to treat a dental condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, infection or trauma, that:

(a) A prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate dental attention to potentially result in:

(1) Placing the person's (or with respect to a pregnant woman, her unborn child's) health in jeopardy;

(2) Serious impairment of bodily functions;

(3) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or

(b) Includes treatment of dental condition necessary for an individual to receive essential medical treatment, including, but not limited to, extraction of abscessed or periodontally involved teeth prior to an individual receiving a prosthetic heart valve, a donor organ, other replacement prosthetic devices or head and neck radiation therapy.

SECTION 2: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-148, is amended by deleting the present language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act including, but not limited to, any such funds that may be available from the bureau of TennCare's reserve funds, the department of finance and administration, in coordination

with the department of health and the department of mental health and developmental disabilities, is authorized to facilitate the expansion and augmentation of a health care safety net in the state of Tennessee. The health care safety net provides medical assistance and dental assistance to individuals in need of medical care and dental care to adults in need of emergency dental services who are uninsured and who lack financial resources to secure medical and dental care. It is the legislative intent that priority should be given to efforts pursuant to this section that benefit the greatest number of such individuals.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.